

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): ~~Device~~ A device for protection of a needle ~~(6)~~ for a medical device ~~(7)~~ that includes a first part ~~(1)~~ and a second part ~~(2)~~, which are movably connected, the first part ~~(1)~~ including a holding means ~~(5)~~ for retaining the medical device ~~(7)~~, so that the two parts ~~(1,2)~~ can be brought together to a first position ~~(13)~~ for enclosing the needle and can be separated from each other to a second position ~~(14)~~ where a retained needle ~~(6)~~ is in a free position ~~(14)~~, characterised in that

- the first part is pivotally connected about an axis to the holding means ~~(5)~~,
- the second part is pivotally connected about an axis to the first part at a distance from the holding means,
- said axes are essentially parallel and sufficiently rigid to form a system in which the medical device with the needle only can describe a plane that is perpendicular to the joint axes, whereby the two parts are capable of protecting the user from the tip of the needle in directions facing the user before, during and after the needlestick on the patient, and
- the second part ~~(2)~~ includes a holder means ~~(3)~~ for fixing said second part.

Claim 2 (currently amended): ~~Device~~ The device according to claim 1, characterized in that at least one of the parts ~~(1,2)~~ in closed position ~~(13)~~ has a recess ~~(10)~~ complementary to the needle.

Claim 3 (currently amended): ~~Device~~ The device according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, characterised by that the holding means ~~(5)~~ is separate from the first part ~~(1)~~ and fastened to the first part ~~(1)~~ with a (second) joint device ~~(19)~~.

Claim 4 (currently amended): ~~Device~~ The device according to claim

1, ~~2 or 3~~, characterised in that the holding means ~~(5)~~ has a recess for receiving and retaining said needle.

Claim 5 (currently amended): ~~Device~~ The device according to claim 1 ~~any of claims 1—4~~, characterised in that the holding means ~~(5)~~ is fitted with a mechanism for retaining the medical device ~~(7)~~, selected from the group consisting of: snap lock device, screw device.

Claim 6 (currently amended): ~~Device~~ The device according to claim 1 ~~any of claims 1—5~~, characterised by means ~~(16)~~ to limit an angle (α) between the first part ~~(1)~~ and the second part ~~(2)~~ in the separated position and/or an angle (β) between the first part ~~(1)~~ and the needle ~~(6)~~ in pivoted position.

Claim 7 (currently amended): ~~Device~~ The device according to claim 6, characterised in that the angle (α) is about 30° - 60° .

Claim 8 (currently amended): ~~Device~~ The device according to claim 6, characterised in that the angle (β) is about 50° - 80° .

Claim 9 (currently amended): ~~Device~~ The device according to claim 1 ~~any of claims 1—8~~, characterised in that one or both parts ~~(1,2)~~ includes at least one recess ~~(8)~~, designed to, by the capillary force, absorb blood and/or an absorbing material.

Claim 10 (currently amended): ~~Device~~ The device according to claim 1 ~~any of claims 1—9~~, characterised in that the second part has an end part ~~(4)~~ for application on a patient, provided with a contact surface of a material with large friction or an adhesive material, such as tape.

Claim 11 (currently amended): ~~Device~~ The device according to claim 1 ~~any of claims 1—10~~, characterised in that the second part ~~(2)~~

is reinforced with a penetration protection ~~(17)~~, of metal or of tough plastic, for example.

Claim 12 (currently amended): ~~Device~~ The device according to claim 1 ~~any of claims 1-11~~, characterised in that the first and second part ~~(1,2)~~ of the device has a locking mechanism in the form of cooperating snap lock elements, Velcro tape or adhesive material, to, in the first position ~~(13)~~, secure the parts to each other.

Claim 13 (currently amended): ~~Device~~ The device according to claim 1 ~~any of claims 1-12~~, characterised in that medical device ~~(7)~~ is a vein needle, an injection syringe or an iv cannula with stylet.

Claim 14 (currently amended): ~~Device~~ The device according to claim 1 ~~any of claims 1-13~~, characterised in that the joint device ~~(12)~~ is a device selected from the group consisting of: flexible material bridge, pivot pin device.

Claim 15 (currently amended): ~~Device~~ The device according to claim 3 ~~any of claims 3-14~~, characterised in that the second joint device ~~(19)~~ is a device selected from the group consisting of: flexible material bridge, pivot pin device.

Claim 16 (currently amended): ~~Device~~ The device according to claim 1 ~~any of claims 1-15~~, characterised in that the holder means ~~(3)~~ is a handle ~~(3)~~ for a user.

Claim 17 (currently amended): ~~Device~~ The device according to claim 1 ~~any of claims 1-16~~, characterised in that said holder means includes a fixing means ~~(23)~~ that is attachable to the body of a patient.

Claim 18 (currently amended): ~~Device~~ The device according to claim 1 ~~any of claims 1-17~~, characterised in that the fixing means ~~(23)~~

is any means selected from the group consisting of: tape, string, strap, ring, fastening flap.

Claim 19 (currently amended): ~~Device~~ The device according to claim 18, characterised in that at least a section of the fixing means ~~(23)~~ is detachably fastened to the second part ~~(2)~~.

Claim 20 (currently amended): ~~Medical~~ The medical unit comprising a medical device ~~(7)~~ with a needle ~~(6)~~, characterised in that it includes a device according to claim 1 ~~any of the claims 1 - 19~~.